



WEEKLONG TRIP Chamonix, France

January 31 - February 9, 2025

INFORMATION PACKAGE

REGISTRATION OPENS: 07 Aug 2024
online via email weeklong-2025@raski.ca

REGISTRATION CLOSES: 22 Nov 2024

STANDARD PACKAGE ¹

Double Occupancy	\$4,109.00
Hotel room	
Single Occupancy	\$5,209.00
Hotel room	
Triple / Quad Occupancy	<i>please inquire</i>

Space Permitting - all registrants for Double, or Single occupancy, will be accepted until the closing date, of sell-out, whichever comes first. After November 22, 2024, the Club will attempt to accommodate applications, subject to remaining air seat and hotel availability.

During the Registration period, the Club will attempt to pair roommates for double occupancy requests. At the close of Registration, those for whom roommates cannot be found will be offered the option of paying the extra fee required for a single room (approximately \$1,100.00) subject to availability, or of receiving a full refund.

NOTE

Pre-trip Rendez-vous Night (review itinerary, meet fellow travellers, etc.) will be scheduled for a date in mid-January, to be announced later.

Included in Package Price:

- Round-trip private coach to/from Ottawa & Montreal
- Round-trip AC flights to/from Montreal and Geneva
- Current flight taxes and fuel surcharges
- 1 carry-on, 1 checked luggage + ski equipment
- Dedicated airport/hotel motor coach transfers
- Coach drivers' gratuities
- 7 nights' accommodation at Hotel Le Faucigny 3*
- Breakfast Buffet for 7 mornings
- Public ski transportation to Chamonix ski resorts
- 6-day Mont Blanc Unlimited ski pass
 - 5 days Chamonix Valley (public transport included)
 - 1 day in Courmayeur, IT (private transport included)
- Services of on-site rep & 1 mountain orientation tour
- 1 night accommodation in Geneva Hotel Ibis 3*
- Free Geneva Transport Card to explore Geneva
- All local hotel taxes and resort fees
- Protection offered by the Compensation Fund for Customers of Travel Agents

NOT Included in Price:

- Optional travel insurance
- Gratuities (*except coach transfers*)
- Items of a personal nature, bar or beverages, and other meals or services not specifically shown as included in package.
- Land transfer, if purchasing a Land Only ² package.

Options:

- Senior (65-79) 6-day ski pass *deduct* \$ 80.00
- Senior (80+) 6-day ski pass *deduct* \$ 265.00
- No lift pass or IKON holders *deduct* \$ 560.00
- Land Only ² (no flights) *deduct* \$1,250.00
- Flight delay package *add* \$ inquire *
- Insurance *add* \$ inquire *

* Rates provided by Voyages Gendron at time of booking

¹ **All Participants must be an RA Ski Club Member**
(see www.racentre.com for details)

² Transfers to/from Chamonix will be provided if your flight times correspond with the group.

DESTINATION

Chamonix FR

www.chamonix.net/english/winter-activities/skiing

Courmayeur IT

https://www.courmayeurmontblanc.it/en/mont_blanco/ski-area/

Mont Blanc Valley, one of the most famous alpine destinations in the world, is paradise for winter sports over 5 resorts. Discover the Grand-Montets area (appreciated by freeride enthusiasts and those who love steep slopes for its snow conditions and north-facing orientation), and the Brévent and Flégère areas (at the foot of the Aiguilles Rouges an ideal and sunny setting for more recreational skiing). For speed enthusiasts, test your skills on the slalom slopes of the Balme-Vallorcine area, or enjoy its gentle slopes suitable for skiers of all levels. Our 1-day visit to Courmayeur offers 100 km of groomed runs and freeride tracks, on 33 slopes with significant differences in altitude, including the Arp, which allows you to ski at 2,755 meters above sea level. On the way home, we overnight in Geneva with time to explore using public transport network UNIRESO: buses (TPG), trains (CFF), and boats (Mouettes genevoises).

Accommodations

Hotel & Spa Le Faucigny 3*

<https://www.hameaufaucigny-chamonix.com/en/hotel-faucigny/>

The Faucigny unites shopping fans and mountain aficionados. Ideally located in the town centre, a stone's throw from shops and restaurants and only a few hundred metres from the main transport links to access the various ski areas in the valley, this small, discreet hotel is the ideal base camp for an exceptional holiday. The Faucigny offers two daily tasty events. In the morning a hearty mountain-style breakfast is served, featuring a selection of fresh and regional products. At teatime delicious home-made cakes and hot drinks are served in the lounge. Access to the Brévent ski area is via the Savoy ski lift located less than a 5-minute walk away. For skiing elsewhere, shuttle buses running to the Valleys various ski areas stop just a few metres from the hotel.

Amenities

- *Rooms: double bed or twin beds*
- *Bathroom with shower, washbasin and wc*
- *TV/internet: flat screen tv (international channels) and free wifi.*
- *Courtesy tray with kettle, coffee, and tea.*
- *Homemade cake every afternoon*
- *Access to the sauna and jacuzzi*
- *Ski room, equipment rental*
- *Concierge service*
- *Bar open until midnight*

Dining

Many restaurants and cafes are available within steps of the hotel, including a large grocery store offering deli sandwiches, charcuterie, and ready meals.

Winter Activities (<https://www.chamonix.net/english/winter-activities>)

- **Skiing and Snowboarding:** *6-day Mont Blanc Unlimited ski pass:* 1 pass, 3 countries to ski and discover Chamonix in total freedom. A must-have if you want to go up the Aiguille du Midi and the Grands Montets (top is closed) ski resort even just once. *Note that the package's Unlimited ski pass allows access to various ski areas, excursion sites, attractions, and our day in Courmayeur IT, which are not accessible for IKON pass users.*
- **Cross Country Skiing:** Chamonix-Mont-Blanc Valley boasts over 50 kilometres of cross-country skiing tracks (for classic or skate-skiing), spread across Servoz, Les Houches, Chamonix, Argentière and Vallorcine. Wherever you stay, you are sure to find a track nearby!
(<https://en.chamonix.com/activities/winter/cross-country-skiing-nordic-ski>)
- **Snowshoeing, Hiking:** <https://www.chamonix.net/english/winter-activities/snowshoeing>
- **Ice Skating, Dog Sledding, Ice Climbing, Heliskiing, Paragliding, Speed Riding:**

Transportation and Flight information

Transportation will include private coaches between the RA Centre and the Montreal airport, round-trip flights between Montreal and Geneva, and private coaches between Geneva and Chamonix, on Friday January 31 and Sunday, February 9, 2025. (**note:** *flights may be subject to change*)

DATE	FLIGHT	DEPART	ARRIVE	DURATION
31 JAN 2025	AC 884	Montréal (YUL) 20:25	Geneva (GVA) 10:00	7h35m
08 FEB 2025	AC 354	Geneva (GVA) 12:20	Montréal (YUL) 14:55	8h35m

Aeroplan points, etc. may be available at check-in. The name on your Application Form, registration, passport, airline ticket, and *Aeroplan* card must match.

Baggage Fees

Flights include taxes, carry-on, one piece of checked luggage and one boot bag/ski bag combo. One or more sets of skis/poles or snowboard carried together in the same bag/container plus one boot bag counts as one piece of checked luggage. They must not contain clothing or other personal items. It is the participant's responsibility to check the airline's latest checked and carry-on baggage rules prior to departure as they may change at any time.

Taxes

Taxes – all taxes and fees are included, but Voyages Gendron Ltd. reserves the right to charge for unanticipated increases to the cost of fuel and taxes. If the rate changes exceed 7%, the club and members have the option of cancelling the contract / trip with no penalty.

Seat Selection

Generic advance seat selection is completed at time of booking by Air Canada Groups. Specific seat selection (i.e. window, aisle, exit row, bulkhead) is not permitted by Air Canada Groups and participants may ONLY change seat assignments *when checking in online or at the counter*. If this is unsatisfactory, the participant is invited to purchase tickets outside the Group block – Voyages Gendron Ltd. may be able to assist with this if requested.

Special Meal Requirements

Passengers with special meal requirements are requested to indicate any food restrictions in writing on the Client Information form and Registration portal. It is the responsibility of the individual concerned to ensure that the meal does not contain any ingredient that may be allergic to his / her metabolism.

Individual Travel Deviations

Deviations must be pre-arranged with Voyages Gendron Ltd, providing 30 passengers remain on the group flight. Additional cost will depend on availability, dates. Additional conditions may apply.

Extended Stay/Stopovers

You may extend your stay provided you make proper arrangements at the time of booking, subject to availability.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TRIP

1. TRIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

- A. MEMBERSHIP: You **must be a RA Ski & Outdoor Club member** for the 2024-2025 season to travel in 2025 - i.e. membership expiry date extends past Feb 9, 2025. Contact the RA Centre 613-733-5100 to join, or renew, or extend your membership – *before rates may increase September 1, 2024.*
- B. DOWNLOAD and COMPLETE a Trip Application fillable or PDF form from www.raski.ca
 - On the RA Ski Club’s home page, click on the Weeklong tab on the Left-Hand Navigation bar.
 - Click on the link to open and print the Application form and complete the required fields.
- C. RESERVE YOUR SPACE: Submit (email) your completed Application form to weeklong-2025@raski.ca **anytime after August 7, 2024 8:00 AM** to reserve a space or enter the wait list.
- D. PAY YOUR DEPOSIT to confirm your reservation: space permitting, upon receiving the Application form, your space will be reserved. The Weeklong Coordinator will send you a link to our custom Registration portal by Voyages Gendron. Confirm your Registration space by providing payment details securely to Voyages Gendron at that time. Payment via Credit Card (MC, VISA, AmEx) for no additional fees.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis, **subject to availability**, until November 22 via email or, in special circumstances, at the RA Centre East Desk along with payment details in an envelope clearly marked “To the attention of RA Ski - Weeklong Coordinator – Jaime Impey”. Ensure that you have emailed to **advise the Coordinator** that you will be dropping it off AND that the date and time submitted are written on your envelope by the desk staff.

Insurance / Waiver: Those without private Medical and Cancellation/Interruption insurance coverage may choose to purchase additional insurance. If you do not wish to purchase the insurance through Voyages Gendron Ltd., you must indicate this with your signature on the Insurance Waiver and indicate the source of your privately sourced insurance.

Client Information and Statement of Understanding sections must also be completed and returned along with your Application. The information on the Client Information Form will always be kept confidential. Distribution of this information will be limited to the Trip Leader, RA officials, and Medical Personnel as needed. Information will be destroyed when no longer needed.

2. PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- A non-refundable *Deposit fee* of 10% of total package is payable immediately upon application.
- Insurance purchased from Voyages Gendron Ltd. is payable immediately upon application.
- Final payment for the *Balance* owing will be drawn by credit card, payable on November 22, 2024.

3. CANCELLATION POLICY:

All room and air space may be cancelled, names changed, subject to the following fees or penalties:

- From application to November 22 Deposits are non-refundable,
Replacement, substitution (name change) – loss of deposit
- Effective November 23 the complete amount per person is non-refundable
Replacement, substitution – \$150 fee & loss of deposit

Participants must go through insurance if they cancel after the above dates.

Note: Name corrections on reservations are subject to a \$25.00 name correction fee.

All insurance premiums are non-refundable.

Should you have to cancel your trip, you must notify the coordinator immediately.

4. OPTIONAL INSURANCE

4a. OPTIONAL INSURANCE (an additional cost)

We **strongly advise** both medical and trip cancellation/interruption insurance for a ski trip outside Ontario. Provincial medical insurance cards may not be accepted, and emergency evacuations or other costs like helicopter rescue may not be covered. Participants may be required to provide payment on site for any medical costs incurred. The RA Centre, Trip Leader, and Voyages Gendron Ltd. will not be responsible for any such expenses. (It is recommended to always have your credit card on your person).

If you do not have medical and/or trip cancellation/interruption insurance, Voyages Gendron Ltd. can provide contact information for a quote for insurance to cover trip cancellation, baggage delay and coverage, trip interruption, and medical emergencies not covered by your government health plan. Pre-existing conditions may invalidate this policy please ask for details. *Medical Only or Cancellation / Interruption policies quotes available upon demand.* Inquire with Voyages Gendron Ltd. directly.

Voyages Gendron Ltd. acts solely as agent for the insurance company in terms of arranging the policy and exercises no control over them regarding any reimbursements. Individuals are to deal DIRECTLY with the insurance company regarding any claims.

4 b. ALTERNATE INSURANCE:

If you have alternative trip and/or medical coverage, you must sign the Insurance Waiver, included in the Application form, acknowledging acceptance of any and all expenses incurred. You must indicate the name of the provider of your alternate insurance i.e. Blue Cross, Medoc, etc.

***Important:** Please ensure your alternative coverage includes mountain evacuation in case of a serious medical emergency.

5. OPTIONAL PACKAGE ADD-ONS

Voyages Gendron Ltd. Recommends booking directly with Chamonix businesses for equipment rentals or lesson package add-ons, or Geneva businesses for tours and activities.

6. Standard Terms and Conditions

Tour participants acknowledge reading and agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth below and on Gendron's website; they set out a contract between the participant and Voyages Gendron Ltd.

<https://www.voyagesgendron.com/en/about-us/conditions/>

Travel Documents

Participants must carry **valid** personal identification and passport for travelling through security and with the airline. The names on the identification must match the name on their Registration and ticket.

Tickets – name changes

Participants must ensure all names are **spelled correctly** and **match their personal identification** and their **valid passport** used for the trip. Failure to comply after ticketing (November 23, 2024) will result in a name change fee or person substitution fee, imposed by Gendron and/or the airline. No name changes will be permitted within 5 business days prior to the departure date. Once a name change is submitted and completed by the airline, the tickets will be re-issued and is at the airline's discretion on when tickets will be sent to Voyages Gendron's air department. Your tour leader will send the revised e-tickets as soon as corrected tickets are received. It is the traveler's responsibility to have proper identification on hand while travelling.

Reservations

All reservations are considered confirmed once a deposit is received by Voyages Gendron Ltd. Voyages Gendron Ltd. reserves the right to cancel any reservations if deposit or final payments are late.

Airline Responsibility

The carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or other event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The airline passenger tickets, when issued, shall be the sole contract between airline and buyer/passenger of these tickets.

Accommodation

Voyages Gendron reserves the right to substitute chosen property with alternative accommodations of comparable quality if necessary. Voyages Gendron accepts no responsibility for individual incidental charges at the resort or hotel. Voyages Gendron and its agents can accept no responsibility for damage done to hotel, pension, or apartment property by guests or their dependants. Settlement shall be between guest and property owner. Nor can any responsibility be accepted for loss or theft of guests' property, luggage, etc.

Responsibility

With respect to services provided, Voyages Gendron acts only as agents for carriers, hotels, ski areas and other suppliers and to that extent our contract takes effect as between the participants and the suppliers of these services. Voyages Gendron accepts no responsibility for the consequences of any events beyond its control, including but not limited to strikes, lockouts, government action, weather, and travel advisories. In the event Voyages Gendron finds it necessary to cancel a holiday, Voyages Gendron's liability will be limited to the refund or the provision of a credit for future travel representing all monies paid by the participant, not including any non-refundable fees identified separate of the trip package.

Voyages Gendron accepts no responsibility for mechanical difficulties, delays, or missed flight connections due to such difficulties or delays, arising from the transportation services provided including motor coaches, flight time changes or day of departure changes by Voyages Gendron or the airline involved. Nor for flights missed because of connecting flights delayed due to weather, mechanical difficulties, or other causes. Participants may be responsible for additional fees incurred as a result of difficulties or delays, including hotel stopover fees and additional transfer fees.

Voyages Gendron accepts no responsibility for actual weather and skiing conditions at time of travel. Neither Voyages Gendron nor its subsidiaries, etc., here, or abroad, will be liable for a lack of snow or non-operation of ski lifts, closure of access routes to or from resorts due to weather conditions, nor are they liable for the late arrival of passengers at airports or hotels due to bad weather.

All bookings are accepted on the condition that Voyages Gendron acts only as a booking agent to the passenger in regard to travel by rail, motor coach, rental car, aircraft, or any other conveyance, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect in any vehicle or for any reason whatsoever, or though the acts of default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the arrangements of the tour.

7. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

- The prices quoted in this proposal are valid provided there are a minimum of 30 paying passengers. If group participation numbers are below 30, the trip price may be adjusted. When our quota is filled, quoted prices cannot be guaranteed for any additional participants.
- Any cost increases not covered by Voyages Gendron Ltd. must be absorbed by trip registrants.